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Bruce McPherson Sworn in as California Secretary of State

Sacramento -- Bruce A. McPherson was sworn in today as California's 30th Secretary of State following a unanimous vote of the State Assembly in a special floor session called for taking up the Governor's nomination of the former Senator.

With the unanimous vote of the State Senate on March 17 in favor of McPherson's confirmation, the unanimous Assembly vote today was the last step in the confirmation process necessary for McPherson to assume office.

In reaction to the Assembly vote, McPherson issued the following statement:

"I'm humbled and honored by the confidence the Governor has shown in me and the unanimous support of both houses of the Legislature.

"There are great challenges facing the Secretary of State and deadlines to meet federal requirements to reform our election process that we will confront less than a year from now. I'm anxious to take on the task and I think the Legislature agreed and recognized the urgency of the situation with its actions today.

"Now the hard work begins."

The oath was administered by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Consuelo M. Callahan in a ceremony with all Secretary of State employees and the McPherson family.

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